

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A waterfowl decoy comprising: a buoyant body having a recess therein; an eccentrically weighted reel rotatably mounted to said buoyant body; a reel rotatably mounted within at least a portion of said recess in said buoyant body; a cranking means for effecting rotation of said rotatably mounted reel; a flexible anchor line attached to said rotatably mounted reel; an anchor attached to said anchor line, wherein the anchor is of sufficient weight to overcome the eccentric weight of the reel to cause the rotatably mounted reel to rotate and the line to unwind until the anchor hits bottom, after which the eccentrically weighted reel resists unwinding of the line from the reel and an eccentric weight disposed within the rotatably mounted reel that is sufficient to resist rotation of the reel and unwinding of the line after the anchor hits bottom, wherein the weight does not prevent rotation of the reel within said recess in said buoyant body, and wherein said cranking means is capable of being stowed within the buoyant body to secure the anchor.
2. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 1 further comprising means to secure said anchor line.
3. (Previously Presented) The decoy set forth in claim 1 wherein said eccentrically weighted reel is unevenly weighted to provide resistance to rotation of the reel, and said anchor is of sufficient weight to overcome the resistance and rotate the reel to unwind the line until the anchor hits bottom.

4. (Currently Amended) The decoy set forth in claim 1 wherein the recess in said buoyant body contains a shaft for rotatably mounting the reel in said recess.
5. (Currently Amended) The decoy set forth in claim 4 wherein said reel is mounted to the shaft in said recess.
6. (Currently Amended) The decoy set forth in claim 5 wherein said reel ~~[[is]]~~ mounted in said recess ~~[[and]]~~ is partially disposed within ~~[[a]]~~ said recess in said buoyant body and partially disposed outside said recess.
7. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 1 wherein said anchor line is trained through an opening in said buoyant body.
8. (Previously Presented) The decoy set forth in claim 7 wherein said buoyant body receives a tapered portion of said anchor and said anchor is partially disposed within said buoyant body.
9. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 1 wherein said means to secure said anchor line comprises an integrated cranking means.
10. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 1 wherein said reel contains one or more holes located in the outer hub of said reel.
11. (Currently Amended) A waterfowl decoy comprising: a buoyant body, an eccentrically weighted reel rotatably mounted ~~[[to]]~~ within a recess in said buoyant body; a weight for eccentrically weighting the reel, the weight being disposed within the reel such that the weight resists rotation but does not prevent rotation of the reel within the recess; a flexible anchor line attached to said rotatably mounted reel; an anchor attached to said anchor line; and an integrated cranking means configured to secure said anchor line and resist rotation of the reel when the cranking means is pushed into a stowed position within the

buoyant body, wherein the anchor is of sufficient weight ~~to overcome the~~
~~eccentric weight of the reel~~ to cause the reel to rotate and the line to unwind until
the anchor hits lake bottom, ~~after which the eccentrically weighted reel resists~~
and wherein the weight is sufficient to resist rotation of the reel and unwinding of
the line from the reel after the anchor hits lake bottom.

12. (Previously Presented) The decoy set forth in claim 11 wherein said integrated cranking means comprises an inner crank member operably joined to an outer crank member by a jointed extension; said outer crank member attached to a handle.
13. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 11 wherein said integrated cranking means integrates with said buoyant body by retraction means.
14. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 11 wherein said buoyant body contains a recess.
15. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 14 wherein said reel is mounted in said recess.
16. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 15 wherein said reel is mounted in said recess and partially disposed within a recess in said buoyant body and partially disposed outside said recess.
17. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 11 wherein said anchor line is trained through an opening in said buoyant body.
18. (Previously Presented) The decoy set forth in claim 17 wherein said buoyant body receives a tapered portion of said anchor and said anchor is partially disposed within said buoyant body.

19. (Original) The decoy set forth in claim 1 wherein said reel contains one or more holes located in the outer hub of said reel.

20. (Currently Amended) A waterfowl decoy comprising: a buoyant body having a recess therein, ~~an eccentrically weighted reel rotatably mounted to said buoyant body;~~ a reel rotatably mounted within at least a portion of said recess in said buoyant body, the reel having first and second halves and an eccentric weight disposed between the first and second halves of the reel such that the reel is eccentrically weighted so as to resist but not prevent rotation of the reel within the recess in said buoyant body; a flexible anchor line attached to said rotatably mounted reel; and anchor attached to said anchor line, the anchor being of sufficient weight to cause the reel to rotate and the line to unwind until the anchor hits bottom; and an integral cranking means to secure said anchor line when the cranking means is pushed into a stowed position within a second recess in the buoyant body, ~~wherein the anchor is of sufficient weight to overcome the eccentric weight of the reel to cause the, after which the eccentrically weighted reel resists unwinding of the line from the reel wherein the eccentric weight is of sufficient weight to resist rotation of the reel and unwinding of the line after the anchor hits lake bottom.~~

21. (Previously Presented) The waterfowl decoy of claim 20, wherein said eccentrically weighted reel is unevenly weighted to provide resistance to rotation of the reel, and said anchor is of sufficient weight to overcome the resistance and rotate the reel to unwind the line until the anchor hits bottom.

22. (Currently Amended) The waterfowl decoy of claim ~~[[24]]~~ 20, wherein ~~said eccentrically weighted reel by virtue of gravity resists~~ the anchor causes rotation

of the reel by means of gravity, and the eccentric weight resists further rotation
after the anchor hits bottom to resist further unwinding of the anchor line.

23. (Previously Presented) The waterfowl of claim 22, wherein said eccentrically weighted reel functions as a weighted keel to cause the waterfowl to self-right.

24. (New) The waterfowl of claim 20, wherein the anchor is of sufficient weight to cause the reel to rotate by means of gravity to unwind the anchor line when the water fowl is being deployed in a body of water, and the eccentric weight is sufficient to resist rotation of the reel and unwinding of the anchor line after the anchor hits bottom, and wherein the cranking means is configured to rewind the anchor line and to be stowed in a manner that resists rotation of the reel to secure the anchor when the water fowl has been retrieved from a body of water.